

I have named the 2018 Woman of the Year in Sonoma County, California. Woman of the Year recognizes women who have made important contributions to California's 5th Congressional District in Arts and Culture, Professional Achievement, Entrepreneurship and Innovation or Community Service.

Ms. Moore was born in Queens, New York and graduated from Indiana University with a Bachelor of Science and Teaching Credential. She also attended the University of California, Berkeley, where she studied English and received her California Teaching Credential. She received her master's degree from the Raskob Institute at Holy Names College.

Ms. Moore has served as the President of the Brady Campaign in Sonoma County since 2008. Her chapter is one of the strongest, most hardworking, and ardent proponents for ending gun violence in our country. She has been a leading voice and tireless advocate in our community for gun violence prevention. Her effort and determination have cultivated a network of people that are determined to reduce gun violence. Ms. Moore also has a passion for California politics. She has volunteered extensively for candidates at the state and local level.

Ms. Moore has been at the forefront of many innovative programs and organizations in Sonoma County, many of which advocate for women and girls in our community. She founded the No Name Women's Network, a group of women from all walks of life who meet monthly to advocate on a number of issues, including literacy, equal rights and wildfire recovery. She has been an active leader of the Girl by Girl Program, for which she was recognized as the volunteer of the year in 2003, and a founder of the Advisory Board for Roseland University Prep, which have opened educational opportunities to everyone in our community.

Mr. Speaker, Susan Moore is an incredible member of our community whose tireless work throughout her career has benefited the women throughout Sonoma County and California. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

HONORING BROWARD SENIOR HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2018

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate ten exemplary men and women from Broward County who will be inducted to the Broward Senior Hall of Fame today.

These outstanding citizens are individuals from all walks of life who have contributed greatly to the vibrancy and well-being of South Florida. Several have provided distinguished service on boards of organizations that benefit our communities and make Broward County the outstanding place that it is to live, raise a family, and retire.

The twelve distinguished inductees are Lilian Bergstein of North Lauderdale, Bruce A. Blitman of Palm Beach Gardens, Elizabeth Dawson of Coral Springs, Shelly Greenberg of Delray Beach, Ann Harsh of Fort Lauderdale, Council Member Caryl Hattan of Davie, Linda

Houston Jones of Pompano Beach, Gary "Lee" Lawson of Fort Lauderdale, Julia Ruiz of Deerfield Beach, and Renee Smoley of Weston.

Again, congratulations to these outstanding individuals. I wish them the best of luck with their induction and continued service to Broward County. It is with great pleasure that I honor them, and I look forward to hearing of their continued service activities.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAIME HERRERA BEUTLER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2018

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, April 10, 2018, I am not recorded on three votes because I was unavoidably detained due to my commercial flight experiencing mechanical issues.

Had I been present, I would have voted: Yes on Roll Call 130; Yes on Roll Call 131; and Yes on Roll Call 132.

HONORING SHARON McGRUFF PAYNE AS WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Sharon McGriff Payne whom I have named Woman of the Year in Solano County, California. Woman of the Year recognizes women who have made important contributions to California's 5th Congressional District in Arts and Culture, Professional Achievement, Entrepreneurship and Innovation or Community Service.

Ms. McGriff Payne was born in Lake Wales, Florida and moved to Vallejo, California with her family when she was a young child. After graduating from Vallejo High School in 1967, she attended Solano Community College, San Jose State University and Sonoma State University where she earned a degree in Journalism and History. She worked as a journalist in New York, Florida and California until she retired in the late 1990s.

In addition to being a journalist, Ms. McGriff Payne is a writer and historian who has researched the history of African Americans in Vallejo and the North Bay. Her work has uncovered long forgotten or previously unknown information about African Americans who made significant contributions to our community throughout history. She is the author of two books that chronicle the early African American presence in Vallejo and the North Bay. In the early 1990s she launched a bi-weekly newspaper, The North Bay Progress, to serve Vallejo's African American community.

For the past year and a half, Ms. McGriff Payne has volunteered with Vallejo Together Support Services, an organization that works with Vallejo's homeless population. She has a desire to help others, especially those who are facing economic and social challenges in our community.

Mr. Speaker, Sharon McGriff Payne has made an undeniable impact in Solano County

through her research of North Bay African American History. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

TRIBUTE TO KEITH CARPENTER

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Keith Carpenter. Keith was recently awarded the United States Air Force Military Auxiliary Radio System Certificate of Outstanding Service.

The Military Auxiliary Radio System (MARS) is a Department of Defense program. Members are volunteer licensed amateur radio operators who provide auxiliary or emergency communications to local, national and international safety organizations. Keith has logged 600 hours in five states and has recruited and trained other operators in the state. The award recognized him for outstanding service and selfless contributions. He currently serves as the Deputy Director for Region 7 of the Air Force MARS.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Keith for this award, and for providing needed services in support of our country's safety. I am proud to represent him in the United States Congress and I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Keith and wishing him nothing but continued success.

RECOGNIZING THE SECOND ANNUAL MARCH FOR SCIENCE

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2018

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in recognition of the second annual March for Science which took place this past weekend on Saturday, April 14, 2018, in Washington and at locations across the globe. I want to voice my strong support for it. While it is somewhat disheartening that there is a need for this march, I am proud to see the public celebrating the role science plays in our daily lives, supporting the future of evidence-based science, and promoting it as the foundation of our policies.

Over the past year, we have seen a troubling increase in anti-science attitudes by some in government. We have also seen assaults on policies underpinned by widely supported and verified scientific findings. The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy remains leaderless. Polarizing individuals have been nominated for key science agencies, breaking with the tradition of nominees who can garner bipartisan support. Furthermore, the Environmental Protection Agency is being dismantled from within and restructured to cater to the needs of industry rather than the American public, and the role of science has been severely undercut.

This assault on science has done great harm to policy makers' ability to develop appropriate and sustainable solutions to our Nation's challenges. Our research and development enterprise plays a crucial role in protecting the public's health and our nation's environment, expanding our knowledge of the universe, and inspiring a diverse new generation of scientists.

Mr. Speaker, it's time to restore the public trust and ensure the integrity of science in the policymaking process. I want to thank all of those who continue to stand up in support of the toll science can and should play in addressing the serious issues facing our Nation, and I want to extend our best wishes to all the marchers.

TRIBUTE TO ANNE AND TYSON
GREENWALT

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Anne and Tyson Greenwalt. They were honored by the Adams Community Chamber of Commerce with the Entrepreneur of the Year Award at their annual banquet earlier this year.

The Entrepreneur of the Year award is given to an individual or business partners, who have taken the initiative to develop, continue or expand a business in the Adams Community through exceptional vision, effective leadership, and outstanding customer service. Carver's Ridge opened in Corning in 2016, and has grown and expanded over the last two years. They host events throughout the year and recently renovated their store during that time.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Anne and Tyson for receiving this outstanding award and for working diligently in the Third Congressional district to make their community a better place to live and work. I am proud to represent them and their employees in the United States Congress and I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Anne and Tyson and in wishing them nothing but continued success.

HONORING THE MOTORSPORT
CAREER OF MARIO ANDRETTI

HON. CHARLES W. DENT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2018

Mr. DENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 25th anniversary of racing legend Mario Andretti's final Indy car victory. He was victorious at the Phoenix International Raceway in April 1993, becoming the oldest driver ever to win an Indy-car race at the age of 53. This win was the last in a magnificent racing career that spanned across four decades.

Andretti, along with his twin brother Aldo, was born in the Kingdom of Italy in 1940. Andretti demonstrated an interest in racing from an early age and began to compete when he was thirteen years old. His family

moved to Nazareth, Pennsylvania in 1955 where Andretti and his brother raced on dirt tracks. In 1964, Andretti became a naturalized United States citizen.

The professional racing debut for Andretti was in 1964 on the United States Automobile Club circuit. He finished eleventh in his first race at the New Jersey State fairgrounds. During the 1965 season, he won his first professional event at the Hoosier Grand Prix at Indianapolis Raceway Park. This win was the beginning of a championship season for Andretti, who at the age of 25 became the youngest IndyCar champion. He repeated as champion in 1966 and again in 1968. During the 1969 season, Andretti won his only Indianapolis 500.

Andretti began competing in Formula One, the highest form of international open wheel racing, on a part-time basis in 1968. He became a full-time participant on the circuit in 1975 and won the Formula One world championship in 1978. Starting in 1979, the next circuit Andretti competed on was the PPG Indy Car World Series. Andretti raced in these events for sixteen years, winning the championship in 1984. He finished in the top ten of the championship standings in twelve out of the sixteen years he participated, his best mark for any racing circuit. Following the 1994 season, Andretti retired from professional racing.

In addition to open wheel racing, Andretti raced in fourteen NASCAR events. Although his NASCAR career was limited, he won the 1967 Daytona 500 and finished in the top ten in three of his other starts.

Andretti had one of the most remarkable racing careers of all time, amassing one hundred and eleven total wins. Furthermore, he holds the distinction of being the only driver to ever win the Indianapolis 500, Daytona 500 and the Formula One World Championship. Andretti's accomplishments culminated in his election to the International Motorsports Hall of Fame and being named as "Driver of the Century" by the Associated Press.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House to please join me in honoring the racing career of Mario Andretti, as well as the careers of his son Michael and grandson Marco, and their contributions to the sport of IndyCar. Mario Andretti's accomplishments served as inspiration for modern motorsport competitors and his legacy will forever be cemented in racing history, as well as in the Lehigh Valley.

TRIBUTE TO JUDY LOONAN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Judy Loonan. She was honored by the Adams Community Chamber of Commerce with the Agriculturalist of the Year Award at their annual banquet earlier this year.

The Agriculturalist of the Year Award is given to an individual that has taken the initiative to develop, continue or expand a business through exceptional vision, leadership, and innovation. Judy continues operating her family beef seed stock business in its 43rd year of business. She continually looks for the best

genetics, new opportunities and frequently gives back to her community.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Judy for receiving this outstanding award and for working diligently to make her community a better place to live and work. I am proud to represent her in the United States Congress and I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Judy and in wishing her nothing but continued success.

CONGRESSMAN BRIAN HIGGINS
HONORS VETERANS HENRY AND
GWEN COLON

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2018

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the accomplishments of Henry and Gwendolyn Colon, upon the recognition of a lifetime together of faithful and courageous service in the U.S. Navy.

Henry and Gwen Colon had quite a journey together in the Navy. Henry joined the Navy in 1974. Gwen enlisted into the Navy in 1979 because she was inspired by her father William McKinley Hawkins who served in the Navy during World War II from 1943 to 1948. Gwen's father received several medals and awards for his service in World War II and his name is listed on the African American Veterans of Western New York exhibit located at the Frank E. Merriweather, Jr Library on Jefferson Ave. in Buffalo, NY.

Henry and Gwen first met on June 9, 1980 at the Navy Exchange where their barracks were located. Days later they went on their first date and only four months later Gwen knew Henry would be the man she would marry. Henry and Gwen Colon's military service took them to several states including California, Virginia, Florida, and Mississippi. Gwen was also stationed in Naples, Italy and conducted inspections throughout the Mediterranean. While it was always a challenge living in two separate places throughout much of their time in the military they always found a way to be together. They were married in 1987, had a child together in 1989, and served together at the U.S. Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station Roosevelt Roads in Puerto Rico. In September of 1989 Hurricane Hugo hit Puerto Rico and Gwen brought her son back to Buffalo to her parents' house until it was safe to return to Puerto Rico.

Henry and Gwen Colon had 35 combined years of military service. Henry served from 1974 to 1993 and Gwen served from 1979 to 1995. While in the Navy they rose a combined 11 ranks. They received many medals and awards. Henry Colon received the Good Conduct Medal with two bronze stars, Navy Expeditionary Medal with one bronze star, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with one bronze star, Humanitarian Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Overseas Ribbon with one bronze star, the Navy Sea Deployment Ribbon with one bronze star, and the United States Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendation with Distinguished Device. Gwen was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal,